

**Report of the Executive Committee
ARRL Board of Directors
January 2018**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Following are noteworthy actions of the Executive Committee since the July Board Meeting.

The Executive Committee (EC) met at ARRL Headquarters in Newington on October 24, the minutes of which have been published.

Considerable work has been spent on a review of the Articles of Association and the Bylaws for the ARRL. This effort began after our corporate counsel raised some issues about them, and has been an ongoing project for over a year. As directed by the Board in Minute 25 of the July 2017 Board Meeting, the EC was tasked with preparing a comprehensive review of the Articles of Association and Bylaws to include recommendations for modification of each Article and Bylaw as deemed desirable and to submit the recommendations to the Board by December 31, 2017. This assignment was completed and submitted to the Board for consideration at the January Board meeting.

As directed by the Board in Minute 32 of the July 2017 Board Meeting, the EC was tasked to review the rules and regulations for the Advisory Committees. A working group was formed to take on this task including Directors Norris and Boehner, and Mr. Henderson. Mr. Norris is head of the working group which is currently working on the assignment.

One of most critical efforts currently underway is the Entry Level License Project. In accordance with Minute 33 of the July 2017 Board Meeting, the EC reviewed a draft Petition for Rule Making that proposes a number of enhancements for the Technician Class license. The proposal adds some limited digital (including RTTY) privileges and some limited HF phone privileges for the Technician license. This is an important step to address entry level operating privileges and is needed in order to attract and retain new Amateurs and will hopefully attract younger candidates into Amateur Radio. The Board may also need to consider the alternative of proposing a new license altogether, an alternative the EC considered along with the Technician enhancements.

In December, the FCC released a Public Notice, DA 17-1165 announcing a call for comments on spectrum policy recommendations of the Technical Advisory Council. This a broad inquiry which has potentially profound impact on Amateur Radio receivers and interference protection. The proceedings has aspects of

spectrum protection, RFI, enforcement and service rule issues. Comments are due January 31. A team of Ed Hare, Mike Gruber, Dan Henderson, Director Carlson and General Counsel Imlay was quickly assembled and met over a weekend at ARRL HQ. The team produced a very comprehensive document of draft comments for ET Docket 17-340 which the EC reviewed and will be discussed at the Board meeting.

I want to thank the members of the EC for their hard work and dedication to Amateur Radio and the League.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair